

Library Hours

Mon-Thu: 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Fri: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sat: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sun: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Shop Smarter

Before you make a new purchase, check out the reviews and reports with WRL's online subscription to *Consumer Reports*.



Use your WRL card to login and search for product reviews and details at wrl.org/reviews.

Talks@2: Music of Shakespeare



The late 16th and early 17th centuries were a golden age of English music. Before Valentine's Day enjoy the sounds heard in the courts of Queen Elizabeth I and James I of England. February 13, 2 p.m. at the Stryker Center.

Thursday Film Series

This Month: Couples on- and off-screen

- 02/01 - *The V.I.P.s*
- 02/08 - *Dark Passage*
- 02/15 - *Adam's Rib*
- 02/22 - *Mr. and Mrs. Bridge*

All feature films begin at 2 p.m. in the Williamsburg Library Theatre. Find complete film descriptions on our calendar at wrl.org/events/films.



**FRIENDS OF
WILLIAMSBURG
REGIONAL
LIBRARY FOUNDATION**
New Year--New Organization

On January 1, 2018, the merger of the Friends of Williamsburg Regional Library and the WRL Foundation became official. The new organization—the Friends of Williamsburg Regional Library Foundation (FWRLF)—is excited about the opportunity to support a margin of excellence for the library. These two “old friends” have come together to better align our fund-raising programs, eliminate confusion, and avoid duplicating efforts.

Response to the recent FWRLF annual appeal has been exceptional, with giving in excess of \$79,000. Last year, with support from donors like you, the FWRLF helped give the entrance to our James City County Library a facelift with new shelving, signage, a space for the Book Nook, and a cozy café. Over 4,000 school children enrolled in Summer Reading 2017 and enjoyed a cornucopia of activities, including magic, storytelling, music, and of course a spectacular solar eclipse. The library's month long “Profiles of Honor” commemorating the two World Wars, funded in part by the FWRLF, brought in over 2,000 viewers. On average, the FWRLF is now contributing \$326,000 per year to our library. Your gifts help us to maintain excellent programs and launch new ones.

Find out more about joining the Friends of WRL Foundation or volunteering in the Book Nooks at wrl.org/give.

Great Music at Your Library: Dewey Decibel Concert Series

The acclaimed Dewey Decibel Concert Series returns to Williamsburg Regional Library in 2018 for another incredible season. This year, thanks to the support of the Friends of WRL Foundation, all ticketed shows are \$5 for the general public. Additionally, many free, unticketed shows round out this season's lineup. All shows take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Williamsburg Library Theatre unless otherwise noted. See all the upcoming concerts at wrl.org/dewey-decibel.



This month, enjoy four great shows:

- On 2/10, Bassist Jimmy Masters brings a new quartet to the library for a special concert featuring the musical genius of Henry Mancini, one of the most prolific, and beloved, composers of the last 60 years.
- Enjoy a musical Valentine on 2/15 as The Virginia Symphony Orchestra presents a woodwind performance of sentimental works to celebrate Valentine's week.
- On 2/19, in partnership with the William and Mary Ewell concert series, WRL presents Seraph Brass, a dynamic quintet, who offer listeners a diverse repertoire that includes original transcriptions, newly commissioned works, and beloved classics.
- Then on 2/23, get ready for a crowd-pleasing evening of old-time music with two well-respected and long-established Virginia string bands. Richmond's Cary Street Ramblers and Williamsburg's Runaway String Band blend Appalachian old-time music, early country songs, and a bit of swing into a delightful musical concoction.

Mark your calendars: AARP Tax-Aide at WRL starts February 1 and runs through April 17. For more information about the program, head to wrl.org/taxes.



In collaboration with local civic groups, churches, and educational institutions, WRL is pleased to offer a series of programs celebrating African American cultural heritage for Black History Month 2018. All events are at 3 p.m. in the Williamsburg Library Theatre. Selections include:

- 2/4 -- The Boys Choir of Hampton Roads
- 2/11 -- The Road Less Traveled: A Drama
- 2/18 -- Cora Armstrong, Vocalist
- 2/25 -- The 3 Tenors: Charles Bell, Pervis Omar Blake, and Dr. Aaron J. Butler

Featured Events for Kids



Winter Reading

02/1-28

All Locations

If you are looking to establish a daily reading routine with your little one, WRL's Winter Reading Program offers a good way to start. Throughout the month of February, pick up a reading log at any library location. Read every day in February, track your reading, and come by at the beginning of March to pick out a free book as a prize! Children from birth to first grade are eligible to participate.

Dinosaur Discovery

02/17, 1 p.m., James City County Library

You'll feel small entering the world of dinosaurs. Explore your dino friends through hands-on activities such as sorting bones and themed play; and leave with your very own clay "fossil." This program is brought to WRL by the Children's Museum of Richmond, and is geared towards children from preschool through kindergarten.

Hula Hoop Party

02/19, 11 a.m. - Noon, James City County Library

Are you a hula hoop hotshot? Or a hula hoop wannabe? Don't miss this chance to dance, hula, and even tackle our hula hoop obstacle course. For ages 6+. Registration is required, call 757.259.7733; signups begin February 1.

Check out [all](#) this month's events and storytimes for kids at wrl.org/kids.

Featured Events for Teens



Young Adult Author Panel

02/17, 3-5 p.m.

Williamsburg Library

Best-selling author Will McIntosh and star-reviewed debut author A.E. Kaplan will discuss their work, answer questions, and sign books.

Anime Dinner and Movie

02/20, 6-8 p.m., Williamsburg Library

Join us for the film *Patma Inverted* (PG), and make your own ramen bowl at intermission. RSVP at 757.259.4050. Ages 12-18.

Henna Body Art

02/25, 1 & 3 p.m., James City County Library

Learn about the ancient art of mehndi and sit for your own temporary design. Two sessions. For ages 11-18; registration required at 757.259.4050.

Check out [all](#) this month's great teen events and more at www.wrl.org/teens.

Featured Events for Adults



Centuries of Art: Lithography

02/05, 7:30 p.m.

Williamsburg Library

The 19th Century was the Age of Pictures, when imagery of all types multiplied and entered everyday life. Lithography led the way,

and was seen in postcards, letterheads, labels, and tickets and show bills. Framed prints hung in parlors, lobbies, and offices. The marvelous world of American lithography reached its apex through the wave of European artists who brought advances in technique and art.

Celtic Film Series: Outsider

02/01, 7 p.m., Williamsburg Library

A young American man joins the IRA in Ireland but soon finds out that he is being used for political purposes and propaganda.

Italian Film Series: Shun Li and the Poet

02/08, 6:30 p.m., Williamsburg Library

A Chinese barmaid and a Slavic fisherman find friendship and more in an Italian fishing village.

Centuries of Art @ Your Library: Agecroft Hall

02/12, 7:30 p.m., Williamsburg Library

A majestic Tudor mansion brought to Virginia piece by piece from Manchester, England. The home is located on 23 beautifully landscaped acres overlooking the James River, not far from downtown Richmond.

A Historian's Response

02/15, 5:30 p.m., Stryker Center

Professor Leisa Meyer will discuss William & Mary LGBTIQ Research Project and the history of students' struggles in education as gender or sexual non-conforming.

Getaway Café

02/16, 2-3:30 p.m., James City County Library

Share conversation, experiences, and memories in WRL's new program for adults with early memory loss and their care partners. This month we will talk about Bob Hope and the USO.

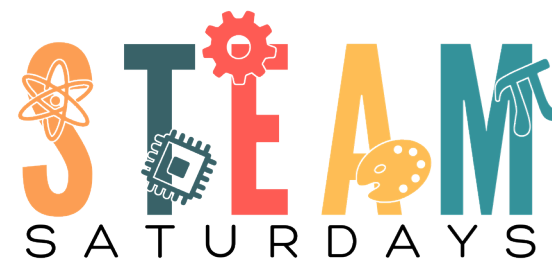
Cinema @ Scotland Street: Kedi

02/28, 7 p.m., Williamsburg Library

Enjoy a love letter to Istanbul as well as to the stray cats who roam the city's streets and the people who care for them.

Find [all](#) of this month's library programs & classes at wrl.org/events

Critters and Crawlers



Our second STEAM Saturdays event gives children and families the chance to meet exotic — and not so exotic — mammals, reptiles, amphibians, birds, and insects up close and personal with ZooPro Animal Adventures. Learn about their habitats and how they interact with humans at home and around the world.

Reptile experts Scott and Kim Larsen will share stories, interesting facts, and trivia

questions about their dazzling array of lizards, frogs, turtles, and snakes, and invite you to meet the reptiles up close. Caution: holding, petting, and greeting eye-to-eye may occur.

Events begin at 1 p.m., James City County Library. Made possible with support from the Friends of WRL Foundation.



Williamsburg Contemporary Art Center Juried Regional Art Show



Stop by the Williamsburg Regional Library's Stryker Center Exhibit Space and enjoy a lively and intriguing exhibit featuring work by talented Williamsburg artists and regional artists from Charlottesville to Chesapeake. The show was judged by Gulay Berryman, award-winning artist and owner of Williamsburg Art Gallery on Duke of Gloucester Street, and includes a remarkable variety of subjects, styles, and mediums. Comments from the judge on the award-winning pieces will be on display as well. The Stryker Center Exhibit Space is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. M-F.

For information on the Williamsburg Contemporary Art Center, see visitwcac.org.

Downloadable Collections at Your Library

What do you do when you want something to read or listen to but the library is closed? If you have your library card and a mobile device, you also have 24/7 access to WRL's digital collections, including:

- Over 15,000 ebooks ranging from classic mysteries to the latest bestsellers
- 85 digital magazines covering business, cooking, health, and more
- More than 9,800 downloadable audiobooks read by award-winning narrators
- Access to millions of songs from the Sony music catalog to stream and download

All of this great content can be accessed whenever and wherever you are. Get started today at wrl.org/digital.



De-stress Yourself

Finding winter a bit overwhelming? Try some of our winter mindfulness programs this month:

- Guided Meditation, 02/07, 2 p.m., Stryker Center
- Gentle Yoga, 02/20, 2 p.m. James City County Library
- Adult Coloring, 2/27, 2 p.m., James City County Library.

